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SUBJECT: ILO - RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STRUCTURE REFORMS

REF: PARIS 02142

1. IN COURSE OF 24 JANUARY MEETING (REFTEL) PARODI  
GAVE LABATT TO READ REPORT HE HAD RECEIVED FROM  
FRENCH MISSION GENEVA DATED 22 JANUARY ON THE  
RESULTS OF RECENT MEETINGS OF SPECIAL WORKING GROUP  
RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR RE-  
FORMING ILO STRUCTURE, INCLUDING AMENDMENTS OF  
ARTICLES 6 AND 37 OF ILO CHARTER. LEAVING ASIDE  
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TECHNICAL INFORMATION WHICH GENEVA CAN REPORT MUCH

BETTER, WHAT IS NOTEWORTHY IS FRENCH MISSION'S CONCLUSION THAT THE WORKING GROUP DEVELOPED INTERESTING COMPROMISES ON MOST CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES WHICH WILL FACILITATE DEVELOPMENT OF CONSENSUS IN GB AND EVENTUALLY THE ILO CONFERENCE ITSELF.

2. FRENCH MISSION BELIEVES ALSO THAT THE WORKING GROUP'S RECOMMENDATIONS WILL TEND TO STRENGTHEN ILO TRIPARTITE STRUCTURE RATHER THAN WEAKEN IT AS MOST WESTERN COUNTRIES HAD FEARED. THIS CONCLUSION IS BASED ON (A) PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO REQUIRE TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY FROM EACH OF THE THREE ILO GROUPS (GOVERNMENT, WORKERS, EMPLOYERS) FOR APPROVAL OF ILO CHARTER CHANGES; (B) AGREEMENT THAT QUESTION OF REPRESENTATION OF "SOCIALIST EMPLOYERS" CONCERNS EMPLOYERS GROUP ONLY IN LINE WITH RECOGNIZED PRINCIPLE OF AUTONOMY OF EACH OF ILO'S THREE GROUPS; AND (C) ELECTION OF DG BY GB WITH ONLY NOTIFICATION TO CONFERENCE.

3. THE FRENCH REPORT PAID TRIBUTE TO AGO (ITALY) FOR HIS IMAGINATIVE SUGGESTIONS WHICH LED TO DEVELOPMENT OF PROMISING COMPROMISES.

4. PARODI READ FROM A SHORT PRIVATE LETTER HE HAD RECEIVED FROM THE FRENCH MISSION IN GENEVA IN WHICH THE REMARK WAS MADE THAT WHILE THE FRENCH AND U.K. APPROACHED THE QUESTION OF ILO REFORMS WITH OPEN-MINDEDNESS, THE AMERICAN AND JAPANESE DELEGATES HAD RESERVATIONS. PARODI DID NOT SEEM TO ATTACH PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO THIS REMARK AND WENT ON TO REPEAT HIS COMMITMENT TO PRINCIPLE OF TRIPARTITISM AT ILO WHICH INDEED SHOULD BE REINFORCED RATHER THAN WEAKENED IN ANY EFFORT TO INTRODUCE NEEDED REFORMS IN ILO STRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS.  
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